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Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize the Missouri Coalition of Minority and Women Business Owners, a statewide coalition of concerned minority and women professional business development organizations; and

Whereas, the first of its kind in the United States, the Coalition consists of representatives of the Black Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City Council of Women Business Owners, Kansas City Hispanic Association Contractors Enterprise, Minority Contractors of Kansas City, MidAmerica Minority Business Development Council, Missouri-Kansas Contractor Assistance Center, National Association of Women Business Owners-Kansas City, National Association of Women Business Owners-Greater St. Louis, St. Louis Asian Chamber of Commerce, St. Louis Black Leadership Roundtable, St. Louis Minority Business Council, and Women Impacting Public Policy-Missouri; and

Whereas, the Coalition has the common goal of reviewing and monitoring the procurement programs of corporation and state and local governments to determine their utilization of minority and women owned businesses and to assist them in increasing their purchases from minority and women owned businesses; and

Whereas, the Coalition is committed to representing the interest of all Coalition members across the state with a unified voice:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to applaud the efforts of the Missouri Coalition of Minority and Women Business Owners, who seek to expand business opportunities for all Missouri residents; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Missouri Coalition of Minority and Women Business Owners.

Offered by	
	Representative Esther Haywood
	District No. 71

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 794, adopted February 25, 2008.